

Bibliostat report due August 15

Please Note: The 2013 Public Library Survey (a.k.a. the Bibliostat report) deadline is August 15 at 5:00 p.m. Completion of the annual survey is required by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services and by state Administrative Rules. The [report is available online](#). Each public library was assigned a username and password. If you cannot locate your username and password, please contact [Susan P. Hoskins](#), Planning and Programs Consultant/State Data Coordinator, (304) 558-3978, ext. 2014.

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Note that the WVLC website offers a [Bibliostat research guide](#) and a [list of Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Seeking higher education in WV

By John Paul Myrick, Library Development Director, WVLC



As most of you know, there is an acute shortage of professional librarians in the state of West Virginia. Since I arrived in the state, I have considered ways we could improve libraries by improving the library workforce. I am trying to ascertain the level of need for financial assistance for persons currently working in the WV public library workforce who would be interested in becoming professional librarians, as well as professional librarians in the state's workforce that would be interested in pursuing advanced degrees (Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study, Certified Public Library Administrator or equivalent). We are considering applying for grant funding to support such an initiative.

If there is sufficient demand, the agency could possibly apply for federal funding to provide tuition, fees and possibly books for persons currently working in the state's public libraries to attend an ALA-accredited graduate program in Library and Information Science and work to complete their MLS/MLIS degree, or for those professionals already in the public library workforce wanting advanced study in public library administration and management. Applicants would have to apply for such funds in a competitive process and be admitted to such a program. While there are no such graduate programs in West Virginia, there are programs in nearby southeastern states which would allow West Virginians to attend their programs at in-state tuition rates. WVLC would work with these schools to insure grant and program requirements would be met.

Those receiving the grants would have to agree to work in West Virginia in a public library or for WVLC for a certain period of time after completion of their studies (probably 2-3 years). Those who receive funds would have to demonstrate progress in working towards the MLS/MLIS degree or advanced degree to continue to receive funds, and there would be minimum grade requirements. Those attending these programs would have to attend at least half-time (6 semester hours, or 2 courses per term for graduate level work), and strive to complete the degree requirements within two academic years. Funding would likely become available May 1, 2014 (in time for the summer 2014 term) and the program might continue up to three years, allowing persons to enter the program as late as summer 2015.

If you or someone in your organization already holds their BA or BS degree and would be interested in graduate library science education or advanced education, and would be interested in participating in such a program, [please let me know via email by August 1](#). I would need to know the name of the person, the name of the library, and an email address for future contact purposes. This could include persons already enrolled in such graduate or advanced study programs.

Please note that this is a survey to ascertain the need for such a project, not a guarantee of funding.

July 31 deadline to submit workshop proposals for the 2013 ALCOP Conference

The Association of Library Communications & Outreach Professionals (ALCOP) will hold its 2013 Annual Conference at Arcadia University near Philadelphia, PA, October 6-7.

The deadline to submit proposals for consideration is Wednesday July 31 at 5:00 p.m. Proposals should include the name of the presenter(s), the workshop title, the category (public library or academic/special library) the workshop best falls into, a brief description of the workshop, and a brief bio of the presenter(s). All proposals and questions about the conference or ALCOP should be sent to Kathleen McCallick at alcopinfo@yahoo.com.

The ALCOP Annual Conference has become one of the country's most important gatherings of library communications professionals, and is attended by men and women from across North America. The Conference features two keynote speakers and over 20 relevant workshops. The conference will offer two workshop tracks: public library communications and academic/special library communications.

Workshop presenters will attend the two day conference for a special rate of \$65.00 and will be responsible for their own transportation and lodging.

[More information about the ALCOP Annual Conference](#) will be available in coming weeks.

Affordable Health Care Act Update

The Webjunction webinar ***Libraries & Health Insurance: Preparing for October 1*** is now closed. Fortunately, OCLC WebJunction posted this on their website:

Due to high interest in this topic, registration for the live session is now full. The session will be archived and be made available later that afternoon for future viewing if you are unable to attend. [Sign up now to receive notification](#) when the archive is available and to stay informed about other project updates.

Libraries that missed signing up for the original webinar are encouraged to follow the link so they can view the archived version. Information about the archived session will only be provided to those who sign up at the link above.

Please note, [WVLC has created an online tool kit](#) with information related to the act, training opportunities, and links to additional information. Please check out our AHCA and the Library website.

If you have any questions, please contact Library Development Director [John Paul Myrick](#) or Information Specialist [Preston Richardson](#).

Free contemporary art books available for rural schools and libraries

The *Distribution to Underserved Communities Library Program (DUC)*, a project of Art Resources Transfer, distributes contemporary art books to rural, inner-city and underserved schools and libraries. The DUC Library Program's 2013-2014 catalogue of brand new art books, journals and DVDs is available [on the DUC website](#), where you may also place your order. All materials are shipped free of charge.

If you are interested in receiving books from DUC, carefully read the descriptions of the materials offered; some books are not appropriate for all age levels.

There are no restrictions on the number of titles you may request. However, DUC asks that you order only what you need. Each institution may place one order per calendar year. Multiple orders from the same school or library will not be filled. Note that it may take several months for DUC to process and ship the books you request. If you have questions about the program or the ordering process, contact DUC at info@ducprogram.org or (212) 255-2919.

Free books from KCPL

By Pam May, Marketing Supervisor, Kanawha County Public Library

For the past three years, Debbie Null, librarian at Sherman High School in Seth, has taken advantage of Kanawha County Public Library's annual offer of free books for nonprofit organizations.

Each year, immediately after the library's annual used book sale (scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 19, this year), representatives from nonprofit organizations are permitted to glean the leftover books and use them in any manner that benefits the group's mission.

Null initially heard about the program from her friend Scott Blake. At the time, she was the librarian for Van Junior/Senior High School, and Blake knew that she needed books for her library. That year she scored about 10 boxes of books. When she moved to Sherman High two years ago, she continued participating in the program to rebuild that library's collection.

She mostly gets nonfiction because "fiction sells out pretty quickly," she said. And that works in her favor because "the common core standards have changed, and the new standards place greater emphasis on nonfiction," she said.

Her trips to Charleston have resulted in a stronger, more up-to-date collection at Sherman, and that helps her students do better work. "Access to better, more current information makes their research more valid," she said.

Null plans her expedition by evaluating her collection and assessing its weak areas. Then she makes sure to obtain a diagram of the book sale layout so she knows what areas to hit first. For the best results, “you need to do a little research before you get there,” she said.

She gets help in the form of a few teachers and community members. “They know our needs,” she said. And she brings her own truck to transport their finds back home to Seth.

She highly recommends the program to other nonprofit organizations who need books. “In today’s society, literacy is more important than ever. It is critical that people have access to books. The KCPL program has allowed numerous nonprofits – schools, community centers, literacy volunteers, service organizations and even jails – to build collections that address their patrons’ needs,” Null said.

Nonprofit organizations may participate by calling Sandy Frercks at 304-343-4646, ext. 242. She’ll email you a form, which must be returned no later than Sept. 6. You’ll need to provide a copy of your organization’s 501(c)3 or other proof of your nonprofit status and your own labor to pack and load the books into your vehicle. Additional instructions will be provided once you register.

Kanawha County Public Library cannot guarantee quantity, type or variety of the leftover books. Please note that Collector’s Corner materials are not included in this offer.



New NBCT Google+ Community

School library media specialists interested in National Board Teaching Certification should note a new Google Community called [Library NBCT Support](#). Persons interesting in achieving NBCT status or those who have already achieved certification are welcome to join. You must first create a [Google+ account](#). Once that is set up, go to Google+ Communities and search for Library NBCT. Finally, send a membership request to [Suzie Martin](#), who will then authorize your membership.

Cass replaces Precht on the Parsons board

The City of Parsons has approved the appointment of Dorothy Cass to the Board of the Five Rivers Public Library in Parsons. Cass replaces Carroll Precht, whose term has ended.

WVLC books available

Weeding is a necessary task for all library collections, one which the West Virginia Library Commission’s Book Discussion Collection is not exempt. Due to a recent weeding, these specific titles are available to public libraries and

school libraries. The use of the requested titles is each library's sole decision. The titles are in a variety of conditions. A library can select the complete number of discarded titles or simply a single copy. Please send your library's request with title and number of copies to susan.g.hayden@wv.gov or robert.l.gibson@wv.gov.

TITLE	AUTHOR	# COPIES
Age of Innocence	Edith Wharton	15
The Apprentice	Jacques Pepin	16
Beautiful Boy	David Sheff	15
The Chosen	Chaim Potok	14
Clay's Quilt	Silas House	15
Coalwood Way	Homer H. Hickham, Jr.	13
Creeker	Linda Scott DeRosier	14
Cross Creek	Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings	13
Della Raye	Gary Penley	18
Feast of the Seven Fishes	Tinnell - Piskor - Saviuk - Tinnell	13
Gold Bug	Edgar Allen Poe	10
Grief Observed	C.S. Lewis	17
Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society	Mary Ann Shaffer	41
I Heard the Owl Call My Name	Margaret Craven	14
In Country	Bobbie Ann Mason	24
Jacob Have I loved	Katharine Paterson	19
Last Whisper	Carlene Thompson	13
London 1849	Michael Alpert	12
Man's Search for Meaning	Viktor E. Frankl	15
Marianne	George Sand	16
On Writing	Stephen King	15
Ordinary Man	Paul Rusesabagina	15
Passion of Mary-Margaret	Lisa Samson	15
Recovering	May Sarton	21
Romance Reader	Pearl Abraham	15

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Eleven WV libraries signed up for Geek the Library so far

Eleven West Virginia libraries have signed up to participate in Geek the Library, a community-based public awareness campaign coming to West Virginia libraries during Library Card Sign-up Month in September. The campaign will (1) spread the word about the vital and growing role of your public library, and (2) raise awareness about the critical funding issues many public libraries face. We encourage you to [join Geek the Library](http://geekthelibrary.org) now before the September launch. You can view the list at <http://geekthelibrary.org/about/libraries.html>.

CITY	LIBRARY	WEB SITE
Beckley	Raleigh County Public Library - Main Library	Visit Web site
Bluefield	Craft Memorial Library	Visit Web site
Buckhannon	Upshur County Public Library	Visit Web site
Hamlin	Hamlin-Lincoln County Public Library	Visit Web site
Hinton	Summers County Public Library	Visit Web site
Lost Creek	Southern Area Public Library	Visit Web site
Naoma	Raleigh County Public Library – Marsh Fork Branch Library	Visit Web site
Philippi	Philippi Public Library	Visit Web site
Shady Spring	Raleigh County Public Library – Shady Spring Branch Library	Visit Web site
Shinnston	Lowe Public Library	Visit Web site
Sophia	Raleigh County Public Library – Sophia Branch Library	Visit Web site

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